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**RE: Rico - Argentine Mine
Request for Information and Access**

Dear Ms. Babits:

From review of your September 17, 1984 letter, it is my understanding that Ecology and Environment, Inc., under direction from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, is in the process of preparing a Field Investigation Team (FIT) sampling plan for the Rico-Argentine mining area. To assist you in preparation of the sampling plan, Anaconda has been requested to provide information to your office which includes site maps, aerial photos and copies of geological-hydrological reports relative to the Dolores River drainage. In addition, Ecology and Environment, Inc. has requested written permission to enter our property for a site visit.

Please be advised that as of this date, Anaconda Minerals Company has not received any correspondence from the U.S. EPA, Region VIII referencing your authority to request such information or access our property near Rico, Colorado, on behalf of the EPA. Upon receipt of such a notification from the U.S. EPA, Anaconda Minerals Company will make every effort to honor your request for information and access.

From review of the EPA's Technical Directive Document (TDD) attached to your September 17, 1984 correspondence, reference was made to the review of all Federal and State files. Since acquisition of the property in 1980, the Anaconda Minerals Company has worked closely with the Colorado Department of Health, Water Quality Control Division to improve the quality of the discharge from our St. Louis Tunnel which is regulated under NPDES. I suggest the Colorado Department of Health, Water Quality Control Division files be reviewed first as we have provided that agency copies of numerous water quality and benthic studies relative to the Dolores River drainage and our mining property.

Sincerely,

R. L. Dent
Environmental Services Manager

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